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In re: Cesaroni et al.  
Appl. No.: To be assigned  
Filed: Concurrently herewith  
For: LIQUID/SOLID FUEL HYBRID PROPELLANT  
SYSTEM FOR A ROCKET

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**37 CFR § 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the application:

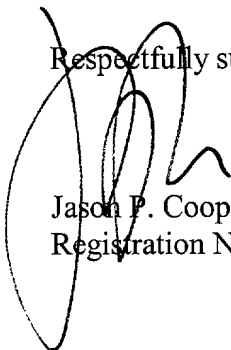
**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/260,697, filed January 10, 2001.

REMARKS

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

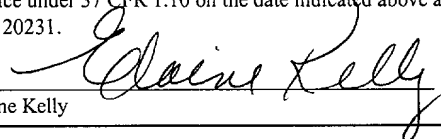
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